The campaign to blame the Kennedy family for withholding evidence

One of the earliest records reflecting this false campaign is FBIHQ 62-109060-4235, 12/24/63.

In it the General Investigative Division, using Belmont as the channel to Hoover, quotes J. Lee Rankin as saying that the family wanted to keep the autopsy report as confidential as possible.

There is no distinction in this memo between making something very public and using it in the Warren investigation.

I address this campaign with what I then knew in the chapter, "Hades Not Camelot" in Post Mortem. The record is clear: Robert Kennedy told the Commission it could have anything it wanted.

Part of the same above-cited serial includes J. Edgar Hoover's statement that the Kennedys never asked them to withhold and had they the FBI would not have.

The memo on which he wrote this was the copy directed to him through Tolson.

It is dated 10/7/66.

Although those who had much to hide claim that they were constrained by the expressed desires of the Kennedy family, sometimes making stronger claims, as of 4/9/89 I've not seen any record stating in any way that any Kennedy had made any effort to suppress anything from any official investigation.

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